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Spanish Fork city council

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Spanish Fork City Council met Sept 2, and heard representatives of Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) describe the proposed I15 work scheduled to begin soon. The legislature gave \$2.4 billion to the project which will start at American Fork Main Street interchange and end at the North Spanish Fork freeway interchange. UDOT will not be doing I15 widening from Spanish Fork to Payson as was originally hoped, the money isn't there.

Work is expected to begin March 2010 and conclude 2014. This corridor is the bottle neck of traffic and the additional lanes and re-worked interchanges are designed to improve traffic movement and reduce congestion.

One goal is to minimize the inconvenience to the public during the four year project. They want to provide high value to the public for the dollars spent.

UDOT will meet with a technical group from SF City at project manager Dal Hawk's request so "they are all on the same page."

UDOT did a survey and 55% of those surveyed named congestion as the number one main problem. But half of those surveyed didn't not know UDOT planned to do anything in this part of the county. Spanish Fork City will post a link on their website to the I15 corridor information.

The council discussed City acquisition of private roads in two places in the community. Home owners associations have not approached the City with pleas for road maintenance assistance, but some citizens have. Only two private roads are amenable to what the City requires to become public streets. Some private enclave's roads are too narrow and others do not meet standards. The council directed staff to draft an ordinance.

During council comments Councilman Wayne Andersen complimented Spanish High School marching band and Spanish Fork royalty for their cheerful performance in the chilly downpour that accompanied Payson's Golden Onion Days parade. Of the royalty he said "they were smiling and waving and pleasant and beautiful as can be." Andersen noted when the Provo float came by no one was on it.